

Washington's Emergency Rules for State Ballast Water Management
KEY COMPONENTS OF THE REGULATIONS (effective August 14, 2007)

WAC 220-77-09500A -- Interim ballast water discharge standard approval process

- Interim ballast water discharge treatment standard is still 95% zooplankton and 99% phytoplankton/bacteria organisms.
- Clarification regarding treatment of ballast water prior to discharge:
 - Vessels that have not adequately exchanged their ballast water must treat their ballast to meet or exceed the Washington State interim ballast water discharge standard prior to discharging in Washington waters.
- Clarification of existing requirements and new additional requirements for approval of ballast water treatment technologies:
 - Only approved technologies may be used on specified vessels to discharge treated ballast in Washington waters.
 - Technologies must meet one of the following criteria for approval:
 - ✓ Previously approved by WDFW for use in WA waters
 - ✓ Approved by U.S. Coast Guard for use in national waters
 - ✓ Enrolled in U.S. Coast Guard STEP program
 - ✓ Approved by the State of California for use in California waters
 - ✓ Approved by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and authorized by U. S. State Department and U.S. Coast Guard for use in national waters.
 - ✓ Vessel is enrolled in IMO approval process and is authorized by the U.S. State Department and U.S. Coast Guard for use in national waters.
 - Technologies using chemical or producing chemical by-products require evaluation by the Washington Department of Ecology.
 - The director or designee may approve for use on specified vessels for up to 5 years or deny treatment technologies.
 - New additional criterion for review of ballast water treatment systems:
 - ✓ Documented verification that the technology and vessel(s) meet one of the aforementioned requirements;
 - New additional conditions of approval:
 - ✓ Approval may be withdrawn if the technology or vessel is no longer enrolled in U.S. Coast Guard STEP or the IMO approval process, or if no longer approved by California, U.S. Coast Guard, or the IMO; and
 - ✓ These regulations do not authorize the discharge of other pollutants or ensure that the technology is safe to operate or meets other state, federal or international laws.

More information available at - <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fish/ballast/ballast.htm>